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ABSTRACT

This volume offers a selection of documentary materials on Indian education in three parts: Part 1 presents a "Historical Survey of Documents Before Independence" and includes four chapters covering education from the beginnings in the 17th century through the 20th century transition toward national education. Part 2, titled "Documentary Selections after Independence," is arranged according to subject in 26 chapters. Chapters 5-8 contain conference proceedings: Proceedings of Meetings of the Central Advisory Board of Education, 1948-1983; Proceedings of the Conferences of the State Education Ministers, 1949-1984; Proceedings of the Vice-Chancellors' Conference, 1957-1984; and Proceedings of the Meetings of the All India Council for Technical Education, 1948-1969. Chapters 9-30 cover the following topics: Education Commission (1964-66); preprimary education; primary and basic education; secondary education; higher education; social education; women's education; rural education; arts, crafts, and music education; Sanskrit education; science education; health and physical education; education in social and national service; religious and moral education; libraries; textbooks; constitutional bases of education; national policy on education; educational planning; educational administration and finance; education for international understanding; and other facets of education. Part 3 presents "Education through the Ages": Vedic Period; Muhammadan Period; British Period; and the time since independence. The book also includes five appendixes: (1) Challenge of Education: A Policy Perspective; (2) Report of the Steering Group on Education, Culture and Sports for the Seventh Five-Year Plan (1985-90); (3) The Central Advisory Board of Education, 39th Session, June 6 & 7, 1983; (4) Twenty-Point Programme; and (5) Reports of the National Commission on Teachers, 1985. (LL)

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